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And join in friendship now;
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In this fast fading year;
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Come gather here:

And let your hearts grow fonder,
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Each broken vow.
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Are sweet in the renewing
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Estranged from hope and gladness,
In this fast fading year;
Ye, with o'erburdened mind,
Made aliens from your kind,
Come gather here.

Let not the useless sorrow
Pursue you night and morrow.
If ere you hoped, hope now—
Take heart;—unfold your faces
And join in our embraces,
Under the holly bough.

VISIONS OF A NIGHT.

I.

There is no necessity for me to enter into any details as to how I became possessed of Studleigh. It is sufficient to say that I inherited the property, owing to the carelessness of a cousin who died without having taken the precaution to make a will, and I was the next male heir. I have only to add, that my cousin lived abroad, and that the place had usually been let.

I had scraped through my university career some five or six years previously; had proved to the satisfaction of examiners that I was not devoid of brains; and when I had taken my degree, and could call myself, in academical language, a First Class man, I thought I had to go out into the world, and climb up to the top of the tree with a very small amount of inconvenience to myself. But I soon found, as thousands of other young men with the best abilities have found, that there is no royal road to wealth when it is to be won by toil; and I was compelled to content myself with the position of tutor and travelling companion to the remarkably unintelligent son of a fine old English gentleman, whose principal characteristics was a landed estate and boundless belief in his family.

It is on the 20th day of December, 1855. I have had a pleasant day for travelling to the northern country in which my new home is situated. The weather has been calm and bright; but as I drove from the station the wind changed, and great heavy snow-clouds have arisen and veiled red splendor of the setting sun, and I feel cold and dull as I enter the stately hall of Studleigh.

As it is now quite dark I postpone a detailed examination of the house until the next day, and am content to be shown the rooms which the housekeeper has destined for me. She has carefully prepared two rooms in the west wing, opening into each other, and I must own that they look remarkably comfortable, if somewhat sombre. Once upon a time, she tells me, the sitting-room was the school-room, and the bedroom the nursery; but that was years ago. There have been no children here, she adds, with a sigh, for ten years or more. Good old soul! I can well imagine how she used to spoil them, and how, in her silent age, she misses the happy laughter of the cheery, ringing voices of the days that are no more.

In due time she serves me with a comfortable if not very luxurious dinner, having previously conducted me to the cellar, whence I have taken two cobwebby bottles, one purporting to be Amontillado sherry, and the other Bordeaux of an excellent vintage, expressly bottled at the Chateau for the proprietor of Studleigh.

Dinner ended, I drew my chair to the blazing fire and resign myself to reverie. The heavy rolling clouds that I saw gathering in southwest have come up, and I hear the wind and sleet beating at the window. My eyes rest upon an old print of the Forum at Rome which is hanging on the wall, and away go my thoughts to the Eternal City.

It is six years since I was there as a bear-leader to a cub, and for two months what a pleasant time I passed. We were provided with letters of introduction to the best Roman families, and of course soon found ourselves at home in that most exclusive portion of English and native society which in those days made a winter in Rome so pleasant.

As a gaze into the glowing fire-light, the gay scenes pass across my memory, and little incidents of balls and riding parties in the Campagna recall themselves with accuracy of detail which surprises me. But there is one portion of that past which I will not bring to life again—one memory that is dead and should have no immortality, no resurrection. I sternly refuse to think of it, and yet at last it asserts its right and might, and in the full play of her ripening womanhood, I see her face, and murmur sadly, "This wealth has come too late!"

Too late! Yes; had I been the fortunate possessor of Studleigh six years ago, would not Ethel Garth have married me? As it happens, she only flirted with me—encouraged me in my mad passion to please her vanity, I suppose, and then throw me over. Oh! of course she said she loved me! of course she *promised* to be faithful!—such light things are always "of course" ordinary constituent parts of the conventional ties of life. But when I spoke to the lady who was her guardian of my love for her ward, I was listened to with a stare of cold amazement; was given to understand that I ought to be treated as a lunatic, and politely informed that my acquaintance with the family was at an end. And Ethel? I met her occasionally in society—her cheek was pale, and her lip trembled if I dared approach her. She, too, evidently was a firm disciple of the creed she had been taught—social and eternal justification is not to be sought in works of faith, but in wealth. She deliberately shunned me. In ten days I received a letter from the cub's papa, putting a summary end to my position. The Garth's went into Naples, and a last word with Ethel was impossible.

I returned to England. I had to work for my daily bread. Eked out my small salary by writing for newspapers and magazines. I wanted to live on from day to day—I hardly knew why, for I seemed to have no hope for the future. What interest could I have apart from Ethel? The recollection of the real and false love that had animated the one and the other of us never left me; and when I began to get a name in literary circles, and at last obtained a place on the the staff of a weekly journal, my cynical articles on social life, and my savage and satirical attacks on the modern Englishwoman, created some sensation, and I felt the sweetness of revenge. If I had suffered from a woman's weakness and inconsistancy, I tried to warn others like myself from experiencing the same misery; and thus I justified the sour language that I used.

Pshaw! what is the use of going over the old story again? I am rich; perhaps the contemplation of that great fact will make my pillow easier and my slumbers sweeter. Certainly, I do not lie awake to contemplate my new position, for I am asleep the moment I am in bed.

II.

At last comes Christmas Eve. It snows hard all day, and I am forced to remain in doors, and spend most of my time in the library, examining the really valuable collection of books which had fallen to my heritage. Here, indeed, I have good reason to be contented, and I dip into volume after volume with all the hunger of a voracious intellect, and begin to think that possibly it may be my destiny to become a bookworm—a fate I look forward to for the moment with satisfaction.

At length, wearying of this, I begin to muse, and gradually I seem to become aware that the room is illuminated by some light more powerful than my dull lamp; there is a confused noise of voices about me—children's voices—children's laughter—and lo! upon the table before me there stands a brilliant Christmas tree!

Somehow or other, in spite of all my materialistic principles, I feel that I am disappearing in a bodily shape, and that I can only regard what now takes place as an unembodied spectator. Certainly no one of the gay crowd that now throngs the room takes any notice of my presence, and I watch what follows with eager curiosity, not unmixed with awe.

Some fifteen or twenty children are standing round the table, and among them are mingled a few grown-up people—papas and mammas—bachelor uncles, and, as yet, unwedded aunts—but of these I take but little notice; all my interest is centered in the happy children; and a delicious, fresh sensation sweeps over me as I mark the eagerness with which they grasp the presents given them from the tree—the gifts of old King Christmas.

There is one white parcel hanging from a bough of the tree which I watch with some anxiety. I cannot tell why. All the other little presents are cut down one by one from their hanging places, but this mysterious packet apparently has some more special destiny.

"Dive me dat, Aunt Susie, dive me dat," cries a little voice as a pudgy finger points to the white parcel.

"No, Bobbie," replies Aunt Susie, as she severs the wire by which a gallant soldier is suspended. "Ettie put that there, and says she is going to give it to the best boy."

"I am the best boy," exclaimed a handsome child of the male sex, in a rough, determined voice, which at once proclaims him to be decidedly the worst. "That parcel is meant for me. Ettie!" he call out imperiously, "Where are you?"

A little girl comes forward at the summons. She can hardly be ten years of age, and yet there is a grace and dignity in her movements which at once arrest my attention. I gaze full upon her face, and, as obedient to the rude call she emerges from the crowd and passes to the front, I see the vision which, in riper womanhood, enthralled me amid the ruins of old Rome!

"Did you call me, Georgie?" she asks.

"Of course I did," he replies, imperiously; "that white parcel—didn't you mean that for me?"

"Yes, if you are good," she answers, gently. Then she appeals to a lady, who, in magnificent attire, is setting in an arm-chair regarding the juvenile entertainment with sublime indifference, and says—"Has Georgie been a good boy since he has been home for the holidays?"

"What an odd child you are, Ettie," replies the lady; "of course he has been good—Georgie always is."

"There—you hear what mamma says," says Georgie proudly, as before; "I am always good—give me the white parcel?"

I mark curiously a slight shake of Ettie's curls, as if she could not altogether agree that *of course* Georgie had been a good boy. Nevertheless she says, "Aunt Susie, will you please cut down that white parcle for Georgie?"

Aunt Susie, with a slight hesitation, that seems to share Ettie's possible doubts, cuts down the prize in silence. Georgie greedily seizes it—tears away the paper—discovers a box—opens it hastily, and takes out in triumph a clock-work mouse!

Ettie and Georgie! Ethel Garth and Georgie Balfour—I understand it all. She married him five years ago. He got into difficulties and they went abroad some three years since, and I have heard nothing more about them. But I can understand it all. She loved him from childhood; his image was on her heart when (to, please her vanity I suppose) she listened to me, and allowed me to think she loved me.

III.

The lights have faded away, the gay crowd has vanished, and two figures only are in the room—one a girl of some seventeen years of age, the other a young man somewhat older, and it seems that years have passed since they plucked the fruits of that Christmas tree.

"Why are you so silent, Ettie?" asks George in an angry voice. "Why will you not speak to me? Have you forgotten the childish days when, in this very room, you promised that you would one day be my wife?"

She looks up from her work, and answers—"I have not forgotten, Georgie; that those were *childish* days."

"And so you cannot love me as you did then? You began flirting early. Why are you changed?

"Why do you give your mother so much anxiety," she answers, calmly. "Why do you come so seldom to this, your home, where I, the orphan, have been brought up, and have always cherished you—as a sister?"

"A sister!" he retorts, imaginarily. "Yes; I shall think you a sister, indeed, if you can do nothing but reproach me. It's the way sisters have towards scapegrace brothers. But *you*—you should have other feelings toward me."

"I cannot choose but hear stories of your life," she replied, sadly. "Your disgrace at Oxford, your debts, your connection with the turf, and still darker histories which are but hinted at in my presence; how am I to regard you after all this, and nothing in your conduct to deny its truth? Can I believe that you really love either your mother or me."

"My mother is a foolish woman," he returns, quickly. "She has spoiled and petted me, and tried to keep me in her leading strings; kept so sharp an eye upon me, as long as I was under her control, that no wonder I broke out when free. It is no use talking to me of her!"

She lays aside her work, rises from the chair, and stands before him in an attitude of quiet, queenly dignity.

"Shame, George Balfour, shame!" I hear her say. "You are your mother's pride, her love, her hope, her all. All that a mother's love can do for a son, hers has accomplished. Your wish has been her law. If she has complained of your extravagance, it has been for your good; and, if you have a spark of reason in you, you must know it. I know that she is *exigeante* toward you, and asserts her rightful claim to your affection and to your obedience; is this your return? Spoiled, petted, and leading strings! Again, George Balfour, I say, shame!"

I observe now that a little clock-work mouse is recumbent on the table. George Balfour sees it, and takes it up in one hand, and a little gilded key in the other.

"Once you gave me this," he says, holding up the toy; "the dead eyes are dull and lifeless now, I notice. This mouse—you did well—it is an emblem of a girl's love—clock-work—mechanism—that is only set working by a gilded key. Possibly, you, with your beauty, think that you can demand a higher price than I can afford to pay. See, I wind it up, mindful of your old instructions, and set it going. Its gyrations may possibly amuse you more than I do, so I leave you, Miss Garth, to the contemplation of a toy, which I, unfortunately, am not." And he leaves the room.

No look of high disdain passes across her countenance as I should have expected, but only an expression of ineffable sorrow, and then the vision fades from my sight.

"I despise her," I exclaim, boldly. "She knows what this man has been—she has learned with what brutality he can behave—yet she has married him. Oh, these are the shadows of the past—are there nothing but shadows left? Is she dead?"

My head again droops upon my hands. When I look up the scene is changed. Do I not recognize this room? There are frescoes on the walls representing episodes in the lives of Hebrew heroes: it is the sala occupied by Lady Balfour and Miss Garth in Rome.

There are two person it. Ethel stands by the window; one hand clasps a crumpled note—I know it is the one despairing passionate note I dared to write to her—her other hand is trembingly held by a kneeling figure at her feet—Lady Balfour on her knees to Ethel! What can this mean?"

"Oh! Ethel, Ethel! you alone can save him!" I hear the sobbing mother groan. "It is because you are so cold to him that he has fallen again into all these miserable ways. Oh, child! whom I have loved and cherished as my own, save him with one kind, hopeful word before it is too late, and give me back my son!"

"Why do you press me with such agonizing words?" says Ethel, as the tears fell fast. "Do I not know all that I owe to you, and that my life should be sacrificed to preserve your happiness? Lady Balfour—mother—I cannot love him!" and I see that the hand that grasps my note trembles convulsively.

Lady Balfour slowly rises. She dries her eyes, and looks long and searchingly at Ethel.

"You cannot love him? No; you love another," says Lady Balfour, in colder tones. "I know the man to whom your heart is given—a poor and nameless tutor. You are as free as air, you can marry whom you please, and no one can prevent you. But think of this. You are as poor as the man you love. Suppose you follow the dictates of your heart, and marry him, how are you to live? How, a short time after your marriage, would he thank you for the sacrifice? As men always do—with sullen looks, and words of cold reproach; or, worse still, with silence. He is young, talented—able to push his way in the world if left to himself. But how will it fare with him if his slender income—if any cert

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THE WATER QUESTION.

Another week has passed, and the discussions relative to this important matter, which is to be passed upon next Thursday, have developed little that is new, except perhaps the semi-official statements of a number of the Board of Directors of the Water Company as published in the last number of the *Observer*. These statements are to say the least disingenuous. They ignore the fact as pointed out by one of our correspondents, that the same Board has already offered to afford fire protection to the borough at a cost of $25 per plug. How is it that they now affirm that $50 per plug will not afford them a profit of two per cent., while a year ago they were willing to do the same work for one half less? We cannot understand it, whether from the stockholders standpoint or that of the taxpayer. The advocates of the proposed contract appeal to the emotion of fear, in the community and shout "only give us water, no matter what the cost." We think there is no dispute, whatever, as to the desirability of having a good and efficient system of fire protection, the point of difference is as to the cost, our position has been, that it is foolish, in public affairs, as in private, to give more for any commodity than it is worth, and that we think is the case with this water question. Can we afford to give so large a proportion of the borough's annual receipts in one direction, without that adequate return which all desire in making a purchase. Will the taxpayers and rent payers with the certainty of increased taxation and increased rents before them vote for "Fire Plugs at $1,800 per annum and 10 per cent on extensions?" or will they wisely revert the matter to Council and let them have a new deal with the Water Company? We shall see.

—It is encouraging in these degenerate times to know what sacrifices the Directors of the Water Company are willing to make in order to have "angel sentinels" to furnish complete fire protection to our borough. They at first asked $25 per plug but when that was refused they were possessed with such self sacrificing feelings that they at once raised the price. That proving not palatable to the public they wrestled with the subject once more and this time they surely proved how much they had the interests of the town at heart, for they increased the price to $50 per plug or "sentinel" with 10 per cent. on extensions, the greatest sacrifice since Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. There will be another sacrifice presently, however—when the people sacrifice the hopes of the Directors of the Water Company, by declaring against their extortionate plan of sacrificing the interests of the borough, for their special benefit.

—On Tuesday night Mr. John L. Shoemaker, died at his residence in Philadelphia. Mr. Shoemaker was well known and highly esteemed being at the time of his death a member of the Select Council, chairman of the Joint Committee of Councils on the Centennial Celebration, and Solicitor and Counsellor of the United States Centennial Commission. He was of colonial descent and was born in Montgomery county in 1832. He at one time resided in Bristol and married the daughter Charles W. Peirce, Sr. In 1853 he removed to Philadelphia and entered the law office of Charles M. Wagner, being at the same time a student in the University, graduating in 1856. During the remainder of his life he was known as an able and conscientious lawyer, his practice being confined to the civil courts. It was however, as an honest politician and faithful public servant, who subordinated personal gain and party success to public morality, that Mr. Shoemaker won his best fame. In 1861 he was elected a member of the City Councils, and presented with a certificate of election which would have entitled him to take his seat. The regularity of the soldiers' vote, by which he was returned from a strong democratic ward, being questioned, Mr. Shoemaker refused to take his seat, although a radical republican, in a published letter, in which he declines to "accept" an apparent advantage not based upon an honest reality." In 1866 Mr. Shoemaker was elected a member of the Common Council from the Thirteenth ward, and at the close of the term was nominated and re-elected. In October, 1869, he was elected a member of the Select Council, in which body he served with great credit down to the beginning of his last illness. Mr. Shoemaker was one of the earliest and most energetic friends of the Centennial Exhibition, and from its formation was chairman of the Committee of Councils on the subject. He was also the originator of much of the local legislation concerning the Exhibition and largely instrumental in obtaining appropriations from the city and State in favor of the great enterprise.

—A large and brilliant meteor, supposed to be the same which was reported passing over Lawrence, Kansas, on last Thursday evening, passed over Erie, Pa., on last Thursday evening and burst with a terrible explosion near Concord station, thirty miles from Erie, between nine and ten o'clock. The report was distinctly heard at Erie, and sounded like the the roar of a cannon. Eye-witnesses say that the meteor resembled a huge engine headlight. When first seen its course was easterly, and when it burst, white fragments fell to the ground; others apparently continued their wild course. If it was the same that passed over Kansas, its velocity must have been frightful, the distance traversed being nearly 1,000 miles in a direct course, and the time consumed in passing about one hour.

—Christmas passed about as usual. There was no disturbance to mar the peace and harmony of the community. The Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopalian Sabbath Schools had their festivals during the week and the youthful portion of our population fully enjoyed the festivities of the occasion. Christmas trees seem to have found favor in the sight of all classes and they are to be seen in all parts of the town, having like Jonah's gourd sprung up in a night to flourish for a season.

—The Burgess and Council, knowing that the price asked by the Directors of the Water Company for fire plugs was an exorbitant one, would not take the responsibility to enter into a contract with the Company, but as there exists in this borough, some individuals who cry "give us water at any price," they resolved to submit the question to the people. If the question had been left to Council, it would have been very promptly voted down.

—Christmas was ushered in amidst the carroling of melodious voices and a burst of harmony from instruments of brass, and as we felt their sweet influence stealing o'er the spirit of our dreams, the indegant but expressive words of the poet came into our mind,

"Music hath power to charm a savage
To rend a rock or bust a cabbage."

But angelic music would fail to influence any one to vote for "angel sentinels" at $50 a year per sentinel.

—The Water Company will not be benefited by receiving $1,800 for fire plugs. We have the testimony of the Directors to this effect. It puzzles the unsophisticated mind however to know why the Directors are so anxious to get the $1,800, and are issuing circulars and courting interviews in furtherance of the scheme, when they assert at the same time that they do not care whether the proposition is accepted or not.

—Has Bristol a Paid Fire Department? or what gives the Directors of the Water Company such a feeling of security in case of fire? do they suppose the firemen will be especially careful to protect them and their property? do not many of the Fireman pay rent, and volunteer their services? Then why increase the taxes on them?

—The question for every man to ask himself is: If I wanted the use of thirty-six fire plugs, would I pay $1800 for it. If you think you would, then vote for the proposition before you, but not otherwise. To spend public funds more lavishly than you would your own is not honest.

—The Trenton sham fight came off Tuesday morning—the 100th anniversary of the memorable battle at that point. The American forces in this sham affair crossed the river as Washington did a hundred years before, and fought the Hessians through the city streets as bravely—and about the usual number were shot in the neck.

—It is not too late yet for Council to correct a misunderstanding between them and the Water Company. In offering the fifteen hundred dollars, it was the utmost they felt warranted in paying for the use of fire plugs. They were not trying to buy the water works, or they would have offered something more.

—L. Tobias' clothing store in Lambertsville, N. J., was entered by burglars last week and about $400 worth of clothing taken.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—The only argument remaining to the Water Directors in justification of the price asked by them for fire plugs is, "That the works do not pay, and will not pay for several years," notwithstanding their dividend the first year represented to be from actual profits, which but few believed to be the case. There appears, however to be a general willingness to accept their statement that the works do not pay, and also to believe that they will not pay while the present system of management is pursued.

The original directors will probably recollect a suggestion offered by me at the outset, that the pipes should be promptly laid in new streets likely to be built up, as every new house on the line of the mains would use the water; while in these streets closely built, particularly with small houses, the property owners would not be willing to sacrifice the expenditure they had incurred in procuring wells. Two of the many instances of the adverse policy pursued by the company is shown by the following statements:

Bristol, Dec. 18, 1876.

DEAR SIR:—I made application some months since to the Bristol Water Company to furnish water to four houses on Penn street, which they declined to do. If they had then furnished water as requested, there would now have been eight houses in that square taking it from them. E. LAWRENCE.

BRISTOL, Pa., Dec. 18, 1876.

DEAR SIR:—I applied to the Bristol Water Company to furnish water at my planing mill on Dorrance street. The boiler is of less capacity, and I am only using about half the quantity of steam I did in Burlington, where I paid a water rental of twenty dollars per year. The lowest figure I could get from the Bristol Water Company was forty dollars per annum. I am now compelled to put down a well to procure my supply rather than pay an unreasonable price. JOSEPH SHERMAN.

In connection with, or about the same time of the application of Mr. Sherman, Thomas B. Harkins applied for water, but was unable to obtain any reasonable proposition. He would have gladly paid $20, which with $20 from Mr. Sherman, would have been a rental of $40, from an outlay of less than $200.

To their testimonials I append a recital of my own experience.

In the fall of 1874, I applied to them to furnish water at my house on Jefferson avenue, which they declined to do. I then addressed them the following letter:

Bristol, Oct. 12th, 1874.

To the Directors Bristol Water Company:

GENTLEMEN:—I would be pleased to have a proposition from you for an arrangement whereby I shall lay a four inch water main along Jefferson avenue, from its junction with Radcliffe street, to the summit between Pond street and the railroad, about 1,409 feet, at my own cost. The said outlay to be entirely refunded to me by the company at such future time as the water rent along said line of pipe shall amount to any specified nominal sum to be named in said agreement. Your prompt reply is desired. Very respectfully,

JOSHUA PEIRCE.

In reply to the above, I received the following letter:

THE BRISTOL WATER COMPANY.
Bristol, Pa., Oct. 14th, 1874.

JOSHUA PEIRCE, ESQ.—DEAR SIR:—Your communication of the 12th inst., requesting a proposition from this company whereby "you will be authorized to lay a four inch pipe in Jefferson avenue, and an arrangement perfected to reimburse you when a certain revenue shall accrue from said pipe," has been presented to the Board, and the following reply ordered, viz:—

That the company cannot allow any person to lay pipe and connect with their mains.

That all contracts for extending pipe beyond the limits prescribed by the company, must provide for the furnishing of material, labor and superintendence by the company.

If you are prepared to negotiate on this basis, then the Board will be pleased to arrange preliminaries and details. Yours truly,

G. M. DORRANCE, clerk pro tem.

Believing that "material, labor and superintendence," furnished by the Water Company, would cost 25 to 50 per cent. more than if procured elsewhere, I did not feel willing to enter into such an arrangement. I was just then doing the plumbing in the house of Joseph S. Thomas, and wished to do the work in its final shape: hence was anxious to have the pipes laid at once, if at all. To this end, and in order to meet any difficulty arising from scarcity of funds with the Water Company, I addressed them the following letter:

Bristol, Pa., Oct. 19th, 1874.

To the Board of Directors of the Bristol Water Company:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following proposition for your consideration, viz:

That you shall lay a water main not larger than six inches upon Jefferson avenue, from Radcliffe street to a point opposite my residence; that I will lend to the company the amount of the cost of the said line of pipe, to be made fully secure for the same, and that I will receive as a full equivalent for the interest on said loan the proceeds of the consumption of water along said line. The said company to have right to pay said loan at their option, and that it shall be paid when the revenue arising from said line of pipe shall amount to six per cent. on the amount of said loan.

Very respectfully, JOSHUA PEIRCE.

In reply to this, I received the following:

THE BRISTOL WATER COMPANY.
Bristol, Pa., Oct. 29, 1874.

JOSHUA PEIRCE, ESQ.—DEAR SIR:—Your second proposition, dated the 19th inst., to the Bristol Water Company to lay pipe on Jefferson avenue, was presented to the Board of Directors at their last meeting, and on motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That the proposition be declined.

Yours truly, G. M. DORRANCE.
Clerk pro tem.

Again when building the two houses opposite my own, I made application, but do not find either a copy of my letter or the reply of the company. It is sufficient to know that the water was not supplied.

During the recent negotiation between the Messrs. Grundy Brothers & Campion, and the Directors of the Water Company, I had repeated conversations with some of their members, and was the medium of some of their informal communications, and am fully cognizant of all that transpired. The Directors claimed that it would cost $2,800 to lay the pipes from Radcliffe street to the mill. I brought in a proposition from the Providence Steam and Gas Pipe Company, to lay a six inch main of McNeil's pipe, upon a basis that would have made the entire outlay not to exceed $1,650. The final price named by the Water Company was $550 per annum for water, not to exceed 10,000 gallons per day, and an additional charge of about $50 per annum for rent of a metre, and ten cents per thousand gallons for all excess of 10,000 gallons per day. It is readily seen that the cost of main being $1,640, 10 per cent. interest would have been $165. The net cost of pumping the water was acknowledged by one of the directors to be about one cent per thousand gallons, hence 10,000 gallons per day for 300 working days, would cost $30 per annum. For this they could have received $175 from Messrs. Grundy Brother & Campion, and $125 from consumers along the line of pipes, or after paying the cost of raising the water, 17 per cent. on the outlay for mains. The rejection of these several propositions, any one of which would be eminently desirable, clearly establishes the fact, that the management of the Water Company is not actuated by a regard for the interests of their stockholders, but by bitter personal feeling and a determination to defy the views and rights of their stockholders and the citizens, and to drive the borough into the acceptance of whatever terms they may arbitrarily dictate. The announcement by one of their number, on behalf of the whole, at the meeting for the adoption of By-laws, "If you adopt them as we present them, the water works will be speedily built, and if not adopted as we present them, then the works will not be built," was a sufficient forecast of the spirit of their future action, and such it has ever been since that time.

If this be "seasoned integrity, honor and unquestioned business capacity," then for the future let us entrust our interests to those who make no claim to either. JOSHUA PEIRCE.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—I do not wish to obtrude my opinions, but I am frequently asked which way I am going to vote in regard to fire plugs. If you will spare me a small space in your valuable paper, I will say to all that I shall most assuredly vote *for* them. I think it is the duty of every good citizen to give his cordial support to every measure that will inure to the benefit of the town. No sinister, selfish, or personal matter, should be allowed to intercept his beneficence, or bias his actions. We all eagerly desire fire protection; none, I think, will deny that. Some may honestly question the propriety of paying so high a price; but if it cannot be had for less,—if that is the best we can get, what else can we do? Some propose *one* thing and some *another*. Some want cisterns made in various parts of the town and another steamer procured. And some want the borough to assume control of the water works, and run them itself. This last proposition is wholly impracticable, for two reasons: First, because they cost too much money to handle, and second, because they cannot be wrested from the company during the first twenty years of their existence. (State law of 1875.)

Cisterns would be found to be very inefficient, and costly too. If we resort to them we must incur an expense of some eight or nine thousand dollars *at once*, and be subject to annual outlays besides, in the way of repairs, taking care of them, &c., &c. And it is quite possible for them to have little or no water in them just when they might be wanted to extinguish a fire. And to purchase another steamer before we have sufficient water to supply the one we have, would not be wise. Nor is it wise to *remain longer without a good water supply*, when it is now almost within our grasp. Our town is mainly composed of wooden structures. And what can be more terrifying than a raging conflagration? What father, husband, son, or brother can sit calmly down in his happy little family circle, when he knows that he has no adequate protection against the fire brand of the incendiary, or the sparks from a passing locomotive? This subject is worthy of the gravest consideration. It is too weighty a matter to be passed by lightly. Just now is an important epoch in the history of our borough; let none of us shirk our duty, in common parlance, let us not "hold a dime so near to our eyes that we cannot see a dollar farther off." Let us rally to the polls on the fourth of next month, and cast our ballots *for fire plugs*, and the future of our town will bless and sanction our course.

G. W. ADAMS, D. D. S.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—While the city of Philadelphia is overhauling her manufactories whose washings and impurities pollute the Schuylkill water and impair the health of her citizens, would it not be well for the authorities here to look to what threatens to impair the health of this borough? If any one will take a walk out the Forge road on any warm evening, between the railroad and the canal, they will see the miasma arising like a cloud from the ground there, which the western wind drives over the town during the night, and he stench is as foul as the dirtiest gutter of Philadelphia.

This, no doubt, has already caused sickness here, and will cause more, unless abated. The drainage from Peirce's and other mills east of the canal, all very imperfectly flow down this low ground, and become stagnant pools in many places; and as more mills are coming into operation, this nuisance will be made worse.

The only remedy would be for the authorities to open a street through this low ground, if there is not one already on the borough plan, and compel the mill owners to build a sewer down to the vicinity of the canal bridge, and there let it pass under the canal, the mill race and the railroad, and out into Otter creek, and thereby drain all the offensive matter off, and not leave it on the surface to putrify and infect the whole neighborhood. It would not do to bring such a sewer out on the river front, for it would poison the water of the stand pipe, and we cannot afford to have that any less pure than it now is, and brought out either above or below the tide, would carry all the impurities up or down to the suction pipe; in fact this suction pipe is entirely too near the shore, it should extend out further into the river, and the water should be filtered before pumping into the stand pipe. It is now the popular opinion of authorities well posted on the subject, that bad drainage is the cause of nearly all the cases of typhoid fever that now occur. And no doubt many other fevers could be traced to the same origin. SOJOURNER.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—I hope the qualified electors will bear in mind on election day, the one important fact that the service for which the Water Company's Board of Directors, now want $50 per fire plug, was offered to be done by the same Board for $25 per plug; and that there has not one good reason been given either by the Board, or their friends in this matter, for this increase of 100 per cent. It is the contemplation of such a fact as this that shakes one's confidence in the "seasoned integrity" of the Board. This lack of confidence is further shaken after reading the opinions of a number of these well "seasoned" gentlemen, as published in the *Observer*.

One of two things occurs to the mind—either that this Board were willing at one time to needlessly sacrifice the interests of their stockholders, or are now willing to sacrifice the funds of the Borough. This sort of "seasoning" is decidedly *salty* to say the least. I notice that one of the Board (according to the *Observer*) is willing to return all the profits likely to accrue by reason of this pending contract, to the Borough. If all of the Board can so agree, the way of the tax-payers is made quite clear:—on election day let the proposition as now presented be unanimously voted down and then let the Council make a contract stipulating that in view of the Water Company's desire to have fire protection for their own real estate in fore they have dividends, therefore all the dividends of the Water Company accuring or likely to accrue, by reason of this contract, be returned to the borough treasury annually. I think all the people will say Amen to such a proposition. But it is all bosh; these well "seasoned" gentlemen understand their position very well, it is —"We've got you and now what are you going to do about it?" I think the votes will answer in unmistakable tones on election day. ANTI-WATER CO.

Bristol, Dec. 26, 1876.

EDITOR GAZETTE—DEAR SIR:—I learn the Directors of the Water Company deny the truthfulness of the statement published in the GAZETTE that they had asked $1,500 to supply water to the new mill, and finally offered to do it for $400 per annum.

Allow me to to accept the responsibility of that statement. The larger part of the negotiating was through me by personal interview with two of the directors. I now assert that one of the said directors, after the first meeting at which the matter was considered, reported to me "That they had concluded to furnish the water at ten cents per thousand gallons, provided the consumption was not less than 50,000 gallons per day," which can readily be seen, for 300 working days, would amount to $1,500. To which I replied that no manufacturer can afford to pay any such price.

Their final offer was $350 per year, for a consumption not to exceed 10,000 gallons per day, with a editional charge of $50 for rent of water metre, and ten cents per thousand gallons for all excess of 10,000 gallons per day.

At ten cents per thousand gallons, the water consumed by Livingston Mills (600 gallons per minute) would cost over ten thousand dollars per year. JOSHUA PEIRCE.

To the Public Spirited, Benevolent, and Generous Board of Directors of the Bristol Water Company.

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me to apply the language of our amiable townsman, Samuel Swain, to you; as equally applicable as it was, I hope, to the class of citizens to whom it was addressed. Surely he nor I should esteem you, who are rich in this world's goods, as less generous than the poor class he addressed, whose *all* of comfort and sustenance is at stake. Surely you do not wish to reap a triple interest, at the expense of the absolute necessities of life, which sustain their poor wives and children.

Beloved Board of Directors: We love our earthly possessions framed over our heads. All of endearment and comfort repose on our right arms of labor and defence. Beloved Board of Directors: use your last opportunity in the fond interest of these, and the duties you owe to an imperilled community. Give us cheap water, and you will forever enshrine yourselves in the hearts of a grateful community.

PYTHIAS.

—About midnight, Dec. 12th, five masked robbers entered the residence of Henry Gillette, about a mile west of Waterford, N. Y. Mr. Gillette sprang from his bed to seize some weapon of defence, when he was surrounded by five men, each with a loaded revolver leveled at his head. He was ordered to dress himself and remain quiet. His wife, who screamed for help, was commanded to do likewise or she would be gagged. One of the gang was left on guard, while the others visited the chamber of his son, who was taken to the room where his parents were confined. A niece and a hired man were then led into the room. Leaving one of the robbers on guard, with instructions to kill the first one who attempted to escape, the others started for plunder. Every article of value was taken to the dining room, including wearing apparal, jewelry, silver plate and about $40 in money. There was a set of silver spoons which Mrs. Gillette valued highly, and she begged that she might retain them for the sake of old associations. The robber returned them with the remark that hereafter he trusted they would have a greater value, as being a gift from him. The men packed up their plunder, moved it away in a wagon, had supper in the dining room, and then drove off.

—On last Thursday a fire broke out at Little Rock, Arkansas. It originated in the city icehouse at 8:45 P. M., near the river, and communicated to the out-houses, thence to the laundry and across Water street, a heavy gale blowing at the time. The Metropolitan Hotel, the Merchants National Bank, Gleason's restaurant the City Hall, in which are the city offices, were burned. The fire was stopped at midnight, when it was confined to two squares between Markham street and the river. The loss, as near as can be ascertained, is $140,000, and insurance about $50,000.

—In the United States District Court, at Trenton, N. J., on the 14th, George W. Conroy, of New York, who was charged on two indictments with sending obscene literature through the post office, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to one year in the State Prison. Conroy was arrested for this offiance over two years ago. He appeared in New York with sixteen aliases.

☞Rev. Wm. H. Chapman, Pastor of M. E. Church, Georgetown, D. C., writes: "Having had an opportunity to test the excellent qualities of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, I hesitate not to say, it is the best remedy I have ever used in my family."

New and Notable.

☞Persons who are in search of suitable goods that come into every day use for Holiday Presents should not fail to call upon J. Wesley Wright, next to Canal Bridge, Mill street, Bristol, where they will find the largest assortment in Bucks county, at as low prices.

A large line of Dress Goods at very low prices.

Ladies' Coats and Furs.

Merino Underwear for Ladies', Gents' and Children.

Gents' Merino Shirts, from 31c. up.

Ladies' Merino Vests, at 50c.

Hand Knit Zephyr Caps, Leggings, and Mitts.

Zephyr and Germantown Wool.

A large assortment of Cloth, for Ladies' Cloakings.

Shawls and Blankets

Will open Thursday, December 7th, a large line of Standard Cotton at 6½ cts per yard.

Carpets, Oil Cloth, Boots and Shoes.

Stock of Groceries, very full.

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They have also on hand all kinds of heating Stoves, which they offer at prices which defy competition.

Their stock of Vermont slate mantles is very fine, and they sell at prices as low as the same can be bought either in New York or Philadelphia. Give them a call and see for yourselves.

☞To those in search of holiday presents, special attention is invited to the fine assortment of Silver and Silver Plated Ware exhibited at A. E. Baylies', Jeweler, Mill Street, between Wood and Pond. For style, quality and beauty of finish, unsurpassed by any in this vicinity. Prices guaranteed as low as the lowest.

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Will be found to possess those qualities necessary to the total eradication of all bilious attacks, prompt to start the secretions of the liver, and give a healthy tone to the entire system. Indeed, it is no ordinary discovery in medical science to have invented a remedy for the stubborn complaints, which develop all the results produced by a heretofore free use of calomel, a mineral justly dreaded by mankind, and acknowledged to be destructive in the extreme to the human system. That the properties of certain vegetables comprise all the virtues of calmel without its injurious tendencies, is now an admitted fact rendered indisputable by scientific researches; and those who use the Mandrake Pills will be fully satisfied that the best medicines are those provided by nature in the common herbs and roots of the fields.

These pills open the bowels and correct all bilious derangements without salivation or any of the injurious effect of calomel or other poisons. The secretion of bile is promoted by these pills, as will be seen by the altered color of the stools, and disappearing of the sallow complexion and cleansing of the tongue.

Ample directions for use accompanying each box of pills.

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Bucks County Gazette:

Thursday, December 28, 1876.

THE METEOROLOGICAL REPORT for the week ending Wednesday Dec 27th—Furnished by JESSE B MEARS at our Post Office Bristol Post Office

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Wednesday " 27	26	33	28

THE GAZETTE FOR 1877.

Having made special arrangements with the publishers of some of the most popular and entertaining magazines and journals of the day, we are enabled to give our subscribers until further notice the benefit of the reduction in the price of the GAZETTE when combined with other publications. We will send the BUCKS COUNTY GAZETTE, with other periodicals postage free in all cases and payment to be made in advance as follows

Gazette and Harper's Magazine	$4
Gazette and Harper's Weekly	4
Gazette and Harper's Bazar	4
Gazette and Scribner's Monthly	4
Gazette and St Nicholas	4 50
Gazette and Atlantic Monthly	4 50
Gazette and Galaxy	4

With the exception of the St Nicholas the price of each of the magazines and papers offered in connection with the GAZETTE is four dollars per annum so that subscribers who take advantage of our offer will realize at their full subscription price for two dollars and seventy five cents. The St Nicholas is a new illustrated magazine and well made a most acceptable Christmas gift to every child old enough to read it. Rates other than in connection with the GAZETTE will cost the subscriber but $1 90. We cannot in any instance undertake to furnish any of the publications to persons who do not subscribe to the GAZETTE

SO RIS.

—Watch meeting services will be held as usual in the Methodist church next Sunday evening

—At the Corner Building Association last Monday evening George Watt bought eight loans at $5 00 premium per share

—The 3rd and last ball of the St Marks I O R S society will be held in Cabeen's Hall on Monday evening, January 8th

—The Buckley street Sabbath School festival occurs this evening. We not quite sure as to anything of the attendants of Mr Hall

—It is announced that S Gary Ball the defaulting shoer of the Harbor National Bank surrender himself to Justice in Norristown and was lodged in jail on the 20th inst

—Joseph Thomas has bought out the hardware establishment of W E Walker, on Mill street in Bristol shortly now from his present quarters Walker sold stock and took possession of the new place

—Lost Letters remaining in the Bristol Post Office Wednesday, December 27th 1876 C C Browning C G Carlisle Charles Carles Jennie Jones, Sallie Harris Samuel Murray, Hugh Sullivan Lizzie Schank

—The public schools will reopen on Tuesday next and of course both teachers and scholars will enter upon the duties with renewed zeal after having enjoyed the brief holiday

—The Post Office Department has issued an order declaring the new railroad line from Kinkowen Bound Brook and route This is now some prospect that Holmesville, Newtown and Attleboro will enjoy the luxury of receiving a portion of their mail at a much earlier hour than at present

—Gen McClure does not care one cent whether the proposition is accepted or not That will be the bill as from most people it will prevail on the January 8th when the people will decide that they do care whether their taxes are increased and rents raised for the benefit of a bankrupt corporation

—About half past eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning the cabin of the canal boat Eva Low lying in the Delaware Hughes & Cooper's wharf was discovered on fire and the Bristol Fire Brigade extinguished the flames before any more damage was done than the burning up of the cabin and furniture

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Entertainment of the M E Sunday School.

The children parents, and everybody else present at the festive gathering of the M E Sunday School on Wednesday evening were delighted by the interesting exercises of the occasion How they could have been otherwise though we do not know it is impossible to imagine, the only emphasis to be attached was the ever crowded condition of the room and that is something not to complain about as Christmas comes but once a year The room was tastefully decorated with evergreens festoons and streamers tastefully draped around the entire room, a wealth of evergreens hiding the heavy beams and Welcome Elegant in the back part of the room was the centre of attraction for the more youthful portion of the audience upon it were stacked toys on one, the little tin kettles of dolls and all the other paraphernalia of the possession of which by the youngsters put the small room in cheerful humor and made quite a clatter in their ranks when Santa Claus according a veritable chimney manufactured for the occasion especially, began the distribution of his gifts In the centre of the platform stood a handsome dressed Christmas tree which set off the decorations in pleasing manner Small fingers danced and tiptoes tried to keep the early part of the entertainment and give general satisfaction The tree was soon gone and though the kind room would have stood them for a better address the small fry were bestowed in two parcels consisting of the admirable tender of a "Christmas Time" edited by Rev Thomas Dr Cuyler and Rev Dr Deems by six young ladies members of the choir During the interval with the singing and the distribution of gifts of all sorts of candy oranges cake and ice cream something which did not appear on the programme took place Mr J W Wright rap to the front of the audience and briefly in a manner so to the first feel of which all who heard were well pleased Mr Knickbom in behalf of the Sunday school class a handsome silver pitcher Mr Kirkbaman was in every way a person who was entirely ignorant of the intended surprise opportunity to express in words which the magic surprise, gratitude and recognition of the gift He spoke in a short speech which was all the better for being unprepared and expressed more truthfully than a carefully prepared one would have done his pleasant feelings and embarrassing circumstances Another teacher who is faithfulness and love to the scholars has been shown by long service through sunshine and storm in the same direction Mr Kirkbaman this was Mr Charles M Lostis who potently memories that he was the man to whom pressed upon one who had long been connected with the school and duly to its benefit to all of which he was entitled and he was called upon by Mr Cook the pastor, to receive at the hand from his friends in the school a beautiful bound copy of Hodge's Analysis of the Bible Mr Lostis came this thanks and the weeks saying that was no speech maker but was used to expressing his sentiments in public gratefully in saying After this the boys was seated and the audience went to their homes A number of friends and teachers however lingered to find and were witnesses of the presentation of a chair intended for Lincoln some what to present to Mr Cook One of the teachers took was presented with tokens in force when she found hers if the recipient of the favor of the association expressed her surprise and gratitude by exclaiming "Oh number

—Let the people beyond the canal who entertain the idea of building over the borough treasury to the Directors of the Water Company, be not deceived They favor the project because the Company is not recommending enough to extend its pipes over the canal unless the borough stations this sentiment from all subject and service (Yet it is claimed the Company will make nothing by the operation) Our brethren and sisters on the others side are not slow in understanding the ways of the Water Company as well as we at the end of the town do They will then know the corporation is not a poor man's way to invest money and the profits be taken for time Lower Water Company

Langhorne Notes

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The Galaxy from the first has occupied a position in our periodical literature peculiar to itself and most successfully has it filled its special field

It has attracted to itself our most brilliant writers in all departments The leading statesmen and greatest generals of our time have gladly used its pages to express their views The best novelists and most brilliant essayists have contributed to its pages It has called forth a class of writers who would otherwise have found no place in our periodical literature It has accomplished this by encouraging the expression of varying opinions by prominent thinkers in all departments *The Galaxy* itself has never had any set theories of politics, religion, sociology, or criticism to propagate, and to which all its writers must bend their own individual views

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Its marked success proves clearly that a high toned literary magazine will be generously supported

The public and press have fully appreciated *The Galaxy* The *Press* of Philadelphia calls it "A model periodical, a credit to American periodical literature" The *Journal* of Boston says that "it quite eclipses the more conservative periodicals of the day" The New York *Times* says that "there is not a dull page between its covers The Chicago *Times* says that "it crowds more downright good literature between its covers than any other American magazine The Buffalo *Express* says that "it is certainly the best of the American magazines" The New Haven *Register* pronounces it "about as near perfection as anything can be" The *Standard* of Chicago says "First of all its attractions we place *The Galaxy*" The New York *Tribune* says that "it well sustains its reputation for vigorous and racy writing" The Sunday School *Times* says "It is the ninth of the many months which have given such invariable name to American magazine literature" The New York *Graphic* says "it is more in accordance with the spirit and feeling of the American public than any other magazine published" The New York *Independent* says that "it is more varied in its range than any other" Send the Tribune and Publishers of the *Galaxy* might to feel proud of the success which has attended their efforts in establishing a first class independent literary magazine

For the coming year no efforts will be spared by either Editor or Publisher to make *The Galaxy* in every way worthy of its great reputation Indeed, their purpose, if it is possible, to make it even surpass itself

For a magazine edited as *The Galaxy* is with all the spirit and freshness of the daily press and which always seizes the subjects of the most interest to the public it is nearly impossible to announce a fixed programme for a year ahead Some few of the leading features, however, may be stated *The Galaxy* in 1877 expects to give its readers serial stories by that brilliant writer Justin McCarthy and Mrs Anna Edwards, one of the brightest and freshest novelists of our day also shorter stories by Henry James Jr, Rebecca Harding Davis, Mrs John Sherwood, Mrs Lucy H Hooper, Miss Rose Terry, Mrs Jane G Austin, George Cary Eggleston Edgar Fawcett, Nora Perry, and many others

A new series of State papers by Hon Gideon Welles late Secretary of the Navy called "The Lincoln Administration," will begin in the January number

Many of our leading statesmen will during the year contribute articles on subjects of the greatest public interest (which cannot yet be definitely announced) Richard Grant White will conclude his series of articles "On Reading Shakespeare" to be followed by articles suggested by his recent experience abroad

Essays on popular subjects may be expected by Charles Wyllys Elliott, S G Young, John Burroughs Kate Hillard, Fanny Roper Feuilget, Professor Boyesen, Dr Conn, Dr Greenleaf, Rev J S C Abbott R B Kimball Grenville Mellen, Albert Rhodes, and many others, poetry by Bayard Taylor, John G Saxe, William Winter Paul Hayne, G P Lathrop, Joaquin Miller J W DeForest, and many others

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The "Scientific Miscellany" has always been one of the most valuable features of this magazine "Current Literature" and the "Nebulæ" are always readable

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—The recently published "History of the church in Burlington N J" by the Rev George Morgan Hills D D, is a work of real merit It deserves the commendation of all who take an interest in the early settlements of our country Subjects great and grave, but treated of in a manner from writers of every station of life from civil governor to poor missionary, anecdotes of personal adventure fragments of family history, extracts from minute books and parish registers records of marriages and deaths epitaphs obituary notices poetic effusions written long ago—such are samples of the variety and character of the work Its scope embraces a much wider range than the title Burlington N J was in colonial times capital of a very considerable importance, and consequently persons and matters of much more than local interest and importance are thought into view It is a book of absorbing interest and we heartily commend it as a valuable addition to our historical literature

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A richly illustrated review will be given on American Sports by Hood and Field by various writers and each on a different theme The subject of

"Household and Home Decoration"

will have a prominent place whilst the latest productions of American humorists will appear from month to month The first of shorter stories humorous and other sketches etc etc will be long one

The editorial department will continue to employ the ablest pens both at home and abroad There will be a series of letters on literary matters, from London by Mr Welford

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And Whereas The Burgess and Council of the Borough of Bristol do not feel authorized to enter into such contract for the price proposed without first submitting it to the consideration of the taxpayers of said Borough

And Whereas At a meeting of said Burgess and Council held on the 11th day of December A D 1876 it was *Resolved*, That the matter be submitted to the consideration of the taxpayers at an election to be held on the FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY A D 1877 to decide for or against said proposition

Now Therefore I, Charles L Scott Burgess of the Borough of Bristol do hereby give this proclamation and do order and direct that an election be held by the qualified voters of said Borough at the TOWN HALL in said Borough on THURSDAY THE FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1877 between the hours of 8 A M and 7 P M for the purposes above set forth Said election to be held by the regularly constituted election officers of said Borough, and to be subject to the laws governing municipal elections

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

BY MISS ALCOTT.

In the rush of early morning,
When the red burns through the gray,
And the wintry world lies waiting
For the glory of the day,
Then we hear a joyful rustling
Just without upon the stair,
See two small white phantoms coming,
Catch the gleam of sunny hair.

Are they Christmas virtues creeping
Rows of little stocks to fill?
Are they angels floating hither
With their message of good will?
What sweet spell are these eyes weaving,
As like larks they chirp and sing?
Are these palms of peace from heaven
That these lowly spirits bring?

Rosy feet upon the threshold,
Eager faces peeping through,
With the first red ray of sunshine,
Chanting cherubs come in view;
Mistletoe and gleaming holly,
Symbols of a blessed day,
In their chubby hands they carry,
Streaming all along the way.

Well we know them, never weary
Of this annual surprise;
Waiting, watching, listening always
With full hearts and tender eyes,
While our little house-hold angels,
White and golden in the sun,
Greet us with the sweet old welcome—
"Merry Christmas, every one!"

A STICKLER FOR THE LITERAL "SCRIPTOR."—The following anecdote is from Olmsted's "Southbound Slave States":—A slave who was a "professing" plagued his master very much by his persistence in certain immoral practices, and he requested a clergyman to converse with him and try to reform him. The clergyman did so, and endeavored to bring the terrors of the law to bear upon his conscience. "Look yeah, Massa," said the backslider, "don't de Scripture say 'Dem who believes and is baptize shall be saved?' "Certainly," the clergyman answered; and went on to explain and expound the passage; but directly the slave interrupted him again. "Just you tell me now Massa, don't de good book say dese words: 'Dem as believes and is baptize shall be saved?' —want to know dat." "Yes; but—" "Dat's all I want to know, Sa; now, what's de use o' talkin' to me? You ain't agoing to make me blieve wat de blessed Lord says aint so, not if you try forever."

The clergyman again attempted to explain, but the negro would not allow him, and as often as he got back to the judgment day, or charging him with sin, and demanding reformation, he would interrupt him in the same way. "De Scriptur s ay, if a man believe and be baptize, he shall—he *shall* be saved. Now, Massa minister, I *dono* believe and I *done* baptize, an' *I shall be save sosh*—dere's no use talkin', Sar."

When buttons were invented is a problem that probably cannot now be solved; but it is a question whether they were used in the days of Isaac. Silvio Manaigo, however, evidently thought such to be the fact: for in his picture of the sale of Joseph to the Ishmaelites the coat of one of the brothers is not only fastened, but even decorated by their means. Lucas van Leyden, too, was bold enough to put a chignon on the head of Jael, the wife of Heber Kenite, and not content with this, he surmounted the edifice with a beautiful coal scuttle bonnet. Salvator Rosa is another trespasser in the matter of head dresses. An exquisite work by this master represents the Baptist preaching in the wilderness; but the whole effect is spoiled by the presence in the background of some jaunty spectators in slouch hats and flaunting feathers. Van Dyck himself represents one of the apostles in sea boots in his picture of "The Miraculous Draught of Fishes," which is now in the National Gallery, and Paul Veronese paints some Italian peasants in felt hats and plumes calmly contemplating the Adoration of the Magi.

Next to good feed there is nothing more essential to a cow's making good returns at the pail than her bodily comfort. She needs a good bed to sleep on, good quarters to live in, and protection from extreme heat as well as cold. There is just as much sense in arguing that it would be better to have her out of doors all winter because she would then eat more hay than if she were comfortably housed, as to claim that she must be compelled to stand in the hot sun all summer because if she is given shelter she may not keep feeding every moment; and shade in pastures is as essential as tight barns and dry stables. To begin with, a pasture which is so short that a cow cannot get all the feed she needs in half the time, isn't fit to keep a cow in. Cows which reach the pasture by 6 o'clock should be full by 10, and the time from then until three or four in the afternoon can be much more profitably spent "taking ease under trees," than grubbing about in the blistering sun.

A group of one man and two women halted in front of "The Bridal of Neptune," sorely perplexed to make it out. But one of the women was a smart country girl, and she soon solved the difficulty. "It's either," said she, with some lingering doubt, "it's either the Deluge—or the bursting of the Worcester Dam!" "Tabit the Deloge," replied her companion, "cause that ain't the costoom of the period!" "Then it's the Worcester Dam, to be sure!" voted the trio, and glode peacefully on their way.

One of the results attending the grass-hopper invasion of Southwestern Minnesota is the increased attention given by the farmers to stock raising and the dairy business. A number of cheese factories are now in successful operation throughout that section of the State, and others are in contemplation, but still greater attention is paid to butter making, which, in a few years, has developed into an important and valuable industry.

The just man says, "Do not let me hurt;" the good man says, "Let me bless." The just man says, "Let me take nothing from my fellow-men;" the good man says, "Let me bestow much upon them." The just man says "Let me be pure; the good man says, "Let me draw all men into purity." One is equitable; the other is benevolent. One seeks his own perfectness: The other seeks the welfare of those about him.

A free institution of education has recently been opened in Madrid which is largely sustained by English subscription. The Spanish government prohibits the use of the name University by educational establishments for popular purposes. Prof. Tyndall is one of the subscribers to the Madrid institution, which numbers at the outset seventy-three male and nine female students. The professors are said to be all men of high standing.

Madame Essipoff is a Russian about 28 years old. She has bright and graceful manners, and speaks several languages fluently. Her eyes and hair are dark, and her arms and hands, while they are tensely muscular, are beautifully formed. It is said that since her arrival here she has been going through her remarkable musical feats with only nine fingers—one being temporarily disabled.

Ex-Gov. Fletcher, of Vermont, had some flourishing kind intentions nipped in the bud the other day. He engaged his dinner at a hotel in Proctorsville, and covers laid for four guests. He then sent his carriage to the town farm, inviting the four inmates of the Poor-house to the luxury of a ride and to dine with him. But the old people there declined the offer, saying they did not want to be gazed at.

Very many persons are in the habit of protecting their half-hardy roses and plants during the winter by tying them up in straw. A much better way is to lay the plants down and cover them with two or three inches of soil. It is not the cold that kills off the plants so much as the alternate freezing and thawing of our variable winters.

Many despise poplar as a timber, but it has one golden property—it will not burn. Some years ago a factory at Nottingham took fire on the second floor, and burned to the top furiously, but not downward. Although the floors lay a yard thick with clinkers and melted machinery, it did not get downward, because the floors were poplar.

Mrs. John Morrissey, according to a correspondent, was once annoyed by the attentions in the street of a young man who finally presumed to address her. "Straightway," says the chronicler, "an arm of steel sprang from a sealskin muff, and a blow that might seemingly have felled an ox laid the young fellow low."

To keep weevils from seed wheat, put it in tight barrels, mixing in a half-pound of gum camphor broken up into small lumps; then head up tight; a little benzine poured into the barrels will also answer the same purpose, but the fumes are more likely to pass off sooner than those of the camphor.

Huxley says: My opportunities for studying the system of common schools in this country have been limited, but so far as I have become acquainted with it, it is well adapted to developing those traits of character so essential to good citizenship in a republican government.

An English farmer recently remarked that he fed his hand before it was hungry, rested it before it was weary, and weeded it before it was foul. We have seldom, if ever, seen so much agricultural wisdom condensed into a single sentence.

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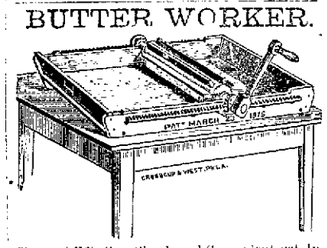

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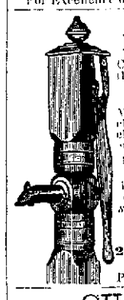

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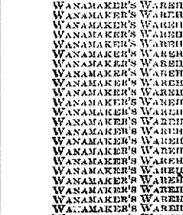

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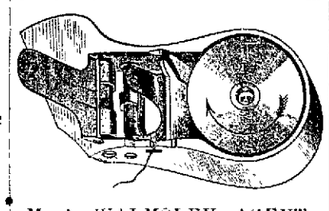

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